

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF H. CON.
RES. 451

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Madam Speaker, I want to speak out on behalf of H. Con. Res. 451, which would promote the teaching of U.S. history to our elementary and secondary students. As a former instructor, I know the importance of teaching students American history so that they will become informed citizens.

If we want the American public to become more enlightened and more engaged, let's start by promoting efforts to teach our young people about this country's great history, and its diversity that makes it the world leader and those nations who have contributed so greatly to our success.

APPLAUDING THE 4-H YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

Ms. MILLER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I am here to applaud the long history of service provided by the 4-H Youth Development Program to young people all over the world. For over 100 years, 4-H has taught six million youth ages 5–19 the value of leadership, good citizenship and life skills.

In my home state of California, 4-H assists over 120,000 youth each year in urban, rural and suburban communities, and has a large volunteer network of more than 26,000 youth and adult volunteers.

Let's do all that we can to continue allotting resources to expand 4-H's positive influence on our young people nationwide.

RECOGNIZING THE ADOPTION OF
THE SKI INDUSTRY CLIMATE
CHANGE POLICY BY THE NA-
TIONAL SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COL-
ORADO SKI COUNTRY USA

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize adoption of the Ski Industry Climate Change Policy by the National Ski Areas Association and Colorado Ski Country USA, an organization in Colorado that represents Colorado's 25 ski and snowboard resorts. I am submitting the policy for the Record.

The climate change policy was developed over the last several months and was adopted by the National Ski Areas Association Board of Directors on September 18, 2002 under the auspices of Sustainable Slopes. This campaign has its origins in the Environmental Charter adopted in June 2000, which contains a sweeping set of voluntary principles for protecting the environment and formalizes the industry's commitment to environmental sustainability. More than 170 ski areas in 31 states, plus six resorts in Canada, have endorsed the Charter. The Colorado ski industry leads the nation in endorsing Sustainable Slopes, with all Colorado resorts except one endorsing.

Variability in climate is not good for skiers, the ski industry, or the environment. Given the ski industry's dependence on weather, climate changes that produce weather patterns of warmer temperatures or decreased snowfall could significantly impact the industry. The Union of Concerned Scientists reports that global warming may already be affecting the snow pack of the Sierra Mountains in California.

I'm pleased that the ski industry in general and Colorado Ski Country in particular has taken a leadership role in raising awareness and encouraging solutions on this important issue.

SKI INDUSTRY CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

Ski areas across the country adopted an Environmental Charter in 2000 to address the environmental concerns of our industry. The Charter, commonly referred to as "Sustainable Slopes," identifies climate change as a potential threat to the environment and our business. Although we are not a major source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, many resorts across the country already are taking steps to reduce their own, limited GHG emissions.

To collectively address the long-term challenges presented by climate change and continue our commitment to stewardship under the Sustainable Slopes program, we hereby adopt this climate change policy. Through this policy, we aim to raise awareness of the potential impacts of climate change on our weather-dependent business and the winter recreation experience; reduce our own greenhouse gas emissions; and encourage others to take action as well. We are committed to working toward solutions that will keep both the environment and economy healthy and preserve quality of life. To this end, we will take the following actions:

Educate the public and resort guests about the dependence of winter sports on natural ecosystems and the potential impacts of climate change on the winter recreation experience; educate guests on how they can help reduce GHG emissions.

Raise policy maker awareness of the dependence of winter sports on natural ecosystems and the potential impacts of climate change on the winter recreation experience.

Advocate the national reduction of GHG emissions through legislative, regulatory or voluntary measures.

Support sound, science-based solutions to climate change, including the use of renewable energy technologies.

Partner with appropriate organizations and agencies to assess opportunities to reduce resort emissions and increase energy efficiency; invest in new, more efficient products, practices and technologies; and measure our emission reductions.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF COTTEY
COLLEGE AND THE P.E.O. SIS-
TERHOOD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the 75th anniversary of the forging of Cottey College in Nevada, MO, and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Cottey College together with the P.E.O., have worked diligently together to provide higher education for women.

Cottey College was founded in 1884 by Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard who believed that women deserved the same educational opportunities as men. Late in her life, she became a member of P.E.O. and realized that the goals of her college and the P.E.O. paralleled.

Today, Cottey College is a well-established, financially stable college for women. Its mission remains true to the ideals and aspirations of Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard and those courageous P.E.O. members who voted in 1927 to accept the responsibility of owning this College.

Mr. Speaker, the P.E.O. Sisterhood and Cottey College can be proud of the 75 year history they have had together. I know the Members of the House will join me in congratulating the P.E.O. and Cottey College for 75 years of fine service.

POEMS BY GERALD GRIMM

HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share two patriotic poems with my colleagues entitled "A Veteran" and "Remember Me?" These poems were brought to my attention by a constituent of mine, Gerald Grimm of the Lehigh County Council of the American Legion.

A VETERAN

What is a veteran, just look around
Right where you've standing,
He fought for that ground.
A Vet is a person, who answered the call
Who went into war, and gave it his all.
He defended a way of life that we love,
But much preferred peace,
Like the way of the dove.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

He asked not the reason, as he stood in his trench
 He faltered not once, in the muck and the stench
 As soldiers in legions, they stood side by side,
 They knew some would fall, as many more died.
 They whispered their prayers, in a helmet of sweat,
 Shells bursting above, wouldn't let them forget.
 Tears in their eyes, as their friend lays so still,
 One hour ago, he was king of the hill.
 Many more wounded, spilling their life,
 When will it end, this battle of strife?
 For many, the battles, never will end,
 Now they're civilians, and find they can't blend.
 Some are disabled, and some are disturbed,
 After coming from hell, they find they've been curbed.
 A veteran is special, to be not denied,
 He put it up front, he need never hide.
 Now is the time, to honor our vets,
 Remember their pain, don't ever forget.
 Remember them now, and give them their due,
 Stand by their side, cause they did it for you.

REMEMBER ME

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally, I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart . . . remember? And you, I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her right hand over her heart . . . remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to be. When I come down the street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance, then you look away. I see the children running around and shouting . . . they don't seem to know who I am . . . I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly put his hat back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic any more? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been . . . Anzio, Korea, Guadalcanal, and Vietnam. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime, of those who never came back, to keep this Republic free . . . One Nation Under God . . . When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart . . . and I'll salute you, by waving back and I'll know that YOU REMEMBERED!!!

I want to thank Mr. Grimm for these poems and commend him for his dedication to God and country. Thank you.

IN HONOR OF MARÍA PESTANA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor María Pestana for thirty years of service to Hudson United Bank (HUD) and communities throughout New Jersey. The Federation of Cuban Musicians is honoring Mrs. Pestana for her dedication to Hudson United Bank and the Hispanic community on Saturday, October 12, 2002, at Las Palmas Restaurant in West New York, New Jersey.

In 1957, as a young adult, Mrs. Pestana arrived in the United States from Cuba, initially devoting her time to the care of her family. As her children grew, Mrs. Pestana began a career at Hudson United Bank. She started at an entry-level position, but her enthusiasm and hard work quickly propelled her up the corporate ladder. Today, she is the well-regarded Executive Vice President of HUD and the General Manager of the Main Office.

For over thirty years, she has been a devoted employee, not only providing outstanding customer service, but also helping HUD become a fundamental fixture of the community. Her ability to rise to the occasion and attend to the needs of her customers and colleagues has gained her much respect and admiration.

Mrs. Pestana, and her husband, Francisco, have four children, Frank, Mary, Georgia and Jackie.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring María Pestana for her outstanding leadership and countless accomplishments. She is an important and integral part of the Hispanic community, and we are proud of her dedication and hard work on behalf of all New Jerseyans.

SENATE SHOULD ACT ON HOMELAND SECURITY LEGISLATION

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the House has acted on the new Department of Homeland Security legislation; the Senate has not.

This bipartisan legislation will enable our government to coordinate its intelligence efforts and strengthen its defenses against terrorism.

Also, H.R. 3482, the Cybercrime Enhancement Act that I introduced, has been included as an amendment to the Senate homeland security legislation. H.R. 3482 passed the House by a vote of 385-3 and the Senate by unanimous consent.

Cyber terrorists do not have to sneak into our borders, they only have to hit a computer key to attack our homeland. We must improve our nation's cyber-security and strengthen our criminal laws to prevent, deter and respond to

cyber attacks that could disable the economy or endanger lives.

It is urgent that the Senate act on the Homeland Security legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JESSIE FULLERTON BARRETT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jessie Barrett, the grandmother of my staff member Jennifer Barrett, on Jessie's 100th birthday. Jessie will turn 100 on November 5th. Jennifer's father (also Jessie's son) Peter came up with a few reflections on Jessie's life that I would like to submit for the RECORD. The way Jennifer describes her grandmother, it seems clear that Jessie is a strong woman who played a vital role in the family's development and progress over the years, through the hard times as well as the good times. I congratulate her on living such a full life and for the inspiration she has always been to her family and to everyone who has known her.

COMMENTS AND REFLECTIONS BY THE BARRETT FAMILY

Jessie was raised in Plainfield, New Jersey, where her father ran a business, the Watchung Stone Company. Neither of her parents attended college, but both believed in the importance of education. Jessie recalls the excitement in her town when Andrew Carnegie donated money for a library, and she also recalls that she and her brothers looked forward each week to spending most of Saturday in the library. Hard work in their studies and the family attitude about the importance of education determined her family's life paths. With a background of university studies and law school, her brother became President and CEO of Florida Power & Light Corporation, while Jessie gained teaching skills at Wheelock College in Boston. After meeting a special young man at Harvard, Hollis Barrett, she and her new husband set out for the wilds of California, where Hollis built a successful life as a real estate broker.

Jessie seems to have passed on her interest in teaching to her family; her daughter, Martha, taught students at both the elementary and high school levels, while her son, Peter, pursued a career in academic medicine at UCLA, which involved him in the training of medical students and internal medicine residents. Jessie has also taken great pride in the accomplishments of her five grandchildren. Following in his father's footsteps, John is a physician; Anna, the youngest, is a project manager for a non-profit organization involved in health care access; and Jennifer is Rep. MARK UDALL's Deputy Legislative Director. Jessie's Texas granddaughters, Barbara and Nancy, are pursuing both careers and motherhood, and Jessie is now a great-grandmother for the two youngest members of the family, Audrey and Grace.

A few more words about Jessie will allow the reader to know something about her as a person, and perhaps to understand how she has been able to enjoy life for several decades longer than many of her friends. If only one word could be used to describe her, it would be "optimist." That point of view was reflected in her daily approach to life as well as in her general philosophy. Her optimism